

## Quarterly Progress Report FOR USAID VIETNAM

### I. Name of Grant

1. Name of Grantee: Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO)
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### II. Goals, Objectives and Progress to date

#### 1. Summarized table of achievements

**Objective 1:** Support the activities of the Disability Forum (DF)

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly Achievement	Achievement to-date
Disability Forum becomes an independent local organization	- Legal status as a local NGO obtained - Bank account opened	To have legal status by early 2006	To obtain approval from competent authorities to establish NGO	Application turned in to MOHA. No response, positive or negative. Bank account opened in ANZ Bank.	This lengthy process continues; a new "umbrella" organization might prove to be viable next quarter.
Capacity-building for DF staff	Staff of the DF will work independently with minimum supervision from HVO	- 2 DF will continue to be employed by the new NGO - Senior staff manage the new NGO smoothly	Build capacity for select group of trainers.	ToT course in training methodology conducted in April. Follow-up practice training & gender orientation	On target. Training plan completed. Fund-raising & PR course in July. Other courses will continue.
Management & administrative training	- All trainees learn management concepts - 75% of trainees rate courses as useful - Increased number of trained SHG leaders	- 5 boards of provincial groups are trained after legal status obtained - 2-3 trainers in-house - 100 board members manage associations competently	Begin the series of provincial training events.	Two trainers conducted training in Ninh Binh for a total of 40 participants, including PWD leaders and officials	On target. Trainers have begun implementing the training plan. Three in-house and three on-call trainers trained in various topics.

Organize national meetings on relevant topics related to disabilities issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased participation of PWDs in choosing topics &amp; organizing tasks</li> <li>- All DF members understand development &amp; legislation issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Six conferences/ meetings with 300 participants</li> <li>- At least 4 workshops/ conferences organized by provincial SHGs</li> </ul>	Planning process for a major event in HCMC on the Role of Disabled Youth in Development	Agenda completed, venue and list of invitees, speakers completed.	On target. The next event will be in late 2006. Hanoi Women's group plans a workshop next quarter.
Distribution of Monthly Updates and other publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monthly Updates are e-mailed, regular mailed &amp; posted to website</li> <li>- Increase to 700 e-mail subscribers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 Monthly Updates</li> <li>- 700 subscribers</li> <li>- 1,000 manuals for self-help groups &amp; other barrier-free environment materials distributed</li> </ul>	Distribute MUs monthly. Gather international and local news of interest.	Publications distributed included 500 service directories & 100 "Good Practices" manuals produced by Spanish Red Cross	On target. Subscriber list continues to grow.
Expanded activities of DF and enhanced status	Increased membership	- Updated directories of local and foreign organizations	Continue production of English language directory	Completion scheduled for next quarter	New groups approved in Lang Son, Quang Binh & Thai Nguyen. Ha Nam Congress next quarter
Other training courses/events as required	One per quarter	One training or other event per quarter	Camping event planned to celebrate April 18	Outdoor event took place in Botanical Gardens in early May	Training and other events organized on a regular basis

**Objective 2:** Support VIETCOT students in the one-year orthotics specialty course

All activities in support of this Objective have been completed.

**Objective 3:** Strengthen university linkages

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly Achievement	Achievement to-date
Provide advanced training for nurses at Hue Medical	All nursing staff attend & develop teaching skills in theory & research	On-going professional contact among nurses	No activity planned for this quarter	N/A	PSBN established, with a national coordinator appointed. PSBH included in curriculum.
Conduct 2-3 workshops on nursing issues	Nursing skills & techniques are improved	100 nurses & others, students receive Temple University training	Phasing out	N/A	Possible final visit for evaluation in the final quarter
Donate manikin, teaching aids to skills labs	Donation improves quality of learning	Improve inventory in new skills labs	None	N/A	All donations have been delivered

**Objective 4:** Develop professional capacities of nurses, PTs & physicians

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly Achievement	Achievement to-date
Develop knowledge base & teaching skills of faculties in HCMC & Danang	Increased knowledge base reflected in improved care skills	Health professionals' skills, knowledge & networks enhanced	One-day workshop on nursing Masters degree curriculum in June.	Ministries of Health & Education agreed to pilot MS degree in HCMC	On target
Clinical instructors & faculty receive in-service training in PT	Increased knowledge base reflected in improved care skills	- 4 PNF training courses in HCMC - All training repeated by local trainers	N/A	N/A	Completed, no further visits planned
Send professionals to attend conferences, other events	International contacts will be encouraged with PTs in the region	- PT leader to attend WCPT conference - 2 specialists to attend ASCON	N/A	N/A	Completed, no further delegates to be sent to events

Training for health care providers in spinal cord injuries with HI & others	All trainees understand the process of care for SCI patients	Improve awareness & care for SCI through coordination with other agencies	N/A	N/A	Completed
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**Objective 5:** Improve quality of care & management at Danang Rehab Center through PSBH

Outputs/Activities	Indicator	Overall target	Quarterly target	Quarterly Achievement	Achievement to-date
Improve diagnostic evaluation for CP & CVA patients	Better classification of CP patients	All MDs are able to accurately diagnose CP patients for type	Routine monthly reporting on CP & CVA	On target. Reporting system in place	Completed
Standardize MIS for patient records	Computerized record management system established	- All patient history & visits computerized - All patients receive ID cards	System fully functional, records computerized	Doctors and PTs are keeping computerized records updated	On target. Hardware & software installation complete. P&O inventory program being written
Implement individual problem-solving activities	- All PoAs implemented & sustained - All staff understand & use problem-solving skill in their work	- All PoAs sustained - 30 staff of DRC & Hospital C become problem-solvers - DRC designated Problem-solving Hospital - 2-3 developed facilitators	Plans of action implemented as part of day-to-day activities.	On target	Innovations have been institutionalized. Problem-solving methods being practiced. Bi-monthly newsletters posted to coordinate Friends of the Danang Center
Content experts visit 4 times per year or as needed	Positive response from staff reflected in assessment surveys	All teams improve technical skills in patient care	Final visit by PT Sharon DeMuth and Orthopedic Surgeon Hugh Watts	Visit conducted as planned in mid-April	CP & CVA focus phase completed
Monthly monitoring of activities	Monthly progress reports are sent	Effective monitoring procedure	System in place	Internal reporting to management	Completed

## 2. Summary of progress taken

HVO has applied to USAID for a six-month no-cost extension. The hope is that the extra time will allow the Disability Forum to establish itself as a legal local NGO and to further develop the management skills of the staff. HVO's role will diminish over the course of six months and phase out completely by July, 2007.

Lack of response to the Forum's application from MOHA is interpreted to indicate a negative outcome. Candidates to serve as an "umbrella organization" for the new NGO continue to change. A new promising candidate is the local association, VAYSE, with which preliminary discussions have begun.

The focus this quarter was on preparation of a comprehensive training plan and capacity-building for the group of trainers, as well as completion of some long-term project activity such as university linkages and professional development. The VIETCOT project was completed last quarter.

### **3. Impact**

The training of PWD leaders continues to increase the breadth and depth of the Disability Forum's outreach. With such a knowledgeable group of members, the new NGO will not only be a more effective organization, but its impact as a national voice for PWDs will be far more credible.

In early April, HVO volunteers Kim Dunleavy, PT, and Hugh Watts, MD, gave presentations at the International Society for Prosthetics & Orthotics (ISPO) conference held in Hanoi. PT volunteer Sharon DeMuth and HVO's Executive Director Nancy Kelly attended the event as well. The conference coincided with the examination of the orthotics students at VietCot, so it was quite an honor to have all fifteen students graduate under the eye of such an esteemed international gathering.

Ms. Kelly, Dr. Watts, and Dr. DeMuth traveled to Danang after the conference for a final visit to Danang. They were very pleased to see the improvements that have been made at both the Danang Rehabilitation Center and Hospital C, as a result of the trainings in Quality Assurance and Problem Solving for Better Health. Significant improvements have been made in record-keeping, feeding and swallowing care, and in the use of diagnostics. A particular source of pride was that the staff at Hospital C no longer smokes, as a result of the smoking cessation presentations!

### **4. Constraints**

The delay in promulgation of the "Law on Associations", now in its eleventh draft, complicates efforts to establish civil society organizations such as local NGOs. Final approval of HVO's application for no-cost extension will allow for a plan of action through the first two quarters of 2007.

### **5. Issues or upcoming events for which you would like USAID's support**

Several donations of computer equipment are planned for next quarter. USAID might consider press releases to mark the events.

### **III. Expenditures**

Submitted separately.

### **IV. Plan of Action for the next quarter**

The quarter will begin with a workshop in HCMC on Youth and Development. In keeping with the transition to a greater role for PWDs, the event will be organized and managed by the Disabled Youth Association and other local groups. The emphasis will be on networking and coordination; government officials and NGOs will not play major roles in the event.

Training activities will continue with events in Dalat immediately following the workshop and an HIV/AIDS course in late July. Volunteer Richard O'Brien and Le Hai Anh will continue to implement the training program throughout the year.

#### **V. Data collection**

ToT course: 15

Practice training and gender orientation course: 8

Ninh Binh training: 40

April 18 camping event: 320

Nursing Master's workshop: 14

Quality management visit: 7